

**MINUTES  
of the  
GOVERNING BOARD  
of the**

**SANTA CLARITA WATERSHED RECREATION AND CONSERVATION AUTHORITY**

**April 25, 1996**

A Special Meeting of the SCWRCA as called to order by Chairperson Rick Putnam at 10:00 am at the Lodge at Ed Davis Park, Towsley Canyon, Newhall.

The roll was called and the following members were present: Mr. Putnam, Mr. Calleia, and Mr. Daniel. Mr. Carvalho was absent. Quorum present.

Representing the staff was: Ms. Rorie Skei, Assistant Executive Officer; and Ms. Nancy Hafner, Board Secretary.

III. Approval of minutes of the meeting of January 25, 1996.

On motion of Mr. Calleia, seconded by Mr. Daniel, the minutes of January 25, 1996 were approved.

IV. Status report on trails and tree planting projects.

Ms. Skei talked about the trail work that the LACC and Camp Scudder juvenile probation crew have completed in the Woodlands. On June 1, National Trails Day, the Conservancy and Backpacker magazine will participate in a trail day event.

Mr. Putnam discussed the City of Santa Clarita tree planting set for June 1 at the new city site.

V. Status of City of Santa Clarita's annexation proposal for Towsley Canyon, Santa Clarita Woodlands.

Jeff Chaffin of the City of Santa Clarita gave a status report of annexation efforts for the Rivendale property.

The board discussed various issues concerning the LAFCO application process and the time frame involved as well as possible uses for the property.

VI. Status report on Mentryville and May 11 event.

Ms. Skei discussed the opening ceremony planned for May 11. The park will be open to the public on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of each month after that. She also reported on the clean-up and restoration efforts at Mentryville.

- VII. Resolution to authorize comment letter to the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors requesting that sufficient funding be included in a possible county measure for parks and open space for Santa Clarita Woodlands properties (including retirement of existing obligations), and for other properties such as Whitney Canyon.

Ms. Skei referred to a draft letter being submitted for board approval written to the county recommending support of the new bond act.

Mr. Putnam said that the City of Santa Clarita has sent several letters to Supervisor Antonovich supporting the measure.

On motion of Mr. Daniel, seconded by Mr. Calleia the following resolution was adopted by a vote of 3 yes and 0 no.

Resolution 96-04

That the board authorize submission of a letter to the LA County Board of Supervisors requesting that sufficient funding be included in a possible county measure for parks and open space for Santa Clarita Woodlands properties (including retirement of existing obligations), and for other properties such as Whitney Canyon.

*(Full text of the resolution is on file with the Authority.)*

- VIII. Public Comments on any matter not on the agenda.

Mr. Mullaly asked about adjacent BLM parcels and volunteered to show city officials the wetland resources and other of biological concern on the Rivendale property

Mr. Putnam said the board and community would appreciate his support and we can schedule a tour to do point out those resources.

Ms. Skei suggested that the workshop meeting would be an excellent time to present this information. She related conversations and correspondence with the BLM regarding their adjacent properties. An MOU to manage the parcels may be feasible until a transition in management could be accomplished.

Mr. Putnam said a film company is interested in using Rivendale for a tv series. The city is negotiating for the acquisition of the adjacent 5-acre parcel.

The status of the collection of furnishings and miscellaneous items for Mentryville was

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XI. Statements, responses, questions or directions to staff pursuant to Section 54954.2(a) of the Government Code.

There were no comments

XII. Announcement of next meeting and adjournment.

Since the next regular meeting would be the 4th of July, the Chair recommended either the 11th of July or the 13th of June. The meeting will be scheduled to allow the board to comment on the Sanitation District EIR.

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 11:10 am

Respectfully submitted:

Approved:

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JOSEPH T. EDMISTON, AICP  
Executive Officer

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RICK PUTNAM  
Chair